

Community Care Licensing Division

CHILD CARE UPDATE SUMMER 2012

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TO THE CHILD CARE COMMUNITY

We've rolled out a new look! After 20 years of keeping the child care community informed about licensing programs and services, we felt it was time to give the Child Care Update a facelift. The Updates continue to be an important method for sharing information. We appreciate your continued support in sharing these Updates with those in your organization and others interested

in child care issues.

Please note that you are still able to select a topic of your choice by clicking on the links on the left side of this page under "INSIDE THIS ISSUE".

We hope you enjoy the new layout of the Child Care Update.

LICENSING MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Special points of interest:

- [Safekids.org coloring book.](#)
- [AB 2084](#)
- [Product recalls](#)
- [AHA](#)
- [EMSA](#)
- [Artificial turf video](#)
- [EPA lead poisoning](#)

It is a pleasure to announce the appointment of Peggy Hansen to Licensing Program Manager in our Rohnert Park Regional Office. Peggy started her career with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) in 1999. She has worked in several different programs within CDSS, including working in Children's Residential Policy Bureau and the Welfare-to-Work Program. Congratulations Peggy!





LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

NUTRITIOUS BEVERAGES LAW

[Assembly Bill 2084 \(Brownley\)](#), Chapter 593, Statutes of 2010, went into effect January 1, 2012, and added Section 1596.808 to the Health and Safety Code related to nutritious beverages. This new law affects all licensed child care facilities.

The new law requires Child Care Centers (CCCs) and Family Child Care Homes (FCCHs) to comply with the following beverage provisions:

- Whenever milk is served, serve only low-fat (1 percent) milk or nonfat milk to children two years of age or older.
- Limit juice to not more than one serving per day of 100 percent juice.
- Serve no beverages with added sweeteners, either natural or artificial. "Beverages with added sweeteners" does not include infant formula or complete balanced nutritional products designed for children.
- Make clean and safe drinking water readily available and accessible to children for consumption throughout the day.

Exceptions:

- If a child has a medical necessity documented by a

physician that includes the need for "medical food" as defined by: Section 109971 of the Health and Safety Code, a licensed child care facility shall be exempt from complying with the beverage requirements to the extent necessary to meet the medical needs of that child.

- These requirements do not apply to beverages at a licensed child care facility that are provided by a parent or legal guardian for his or her child.

The Department shall determine compliance with AB 2084, Section 1596.808 of the Health and Safety Code, during regularly scheduled, authorized inspections.

Note: As the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, published jointly by the federal Department of Health and Human Services and the federal Department of Agriculture, are updated every five years, the CDSS may adapt the provisions of Section 1596.808 by bulletin, as necessary, so that the standards continue to reflect the most recent relevant nutrition science and continue to improve the health of children in child care.

To read this bill in its entirety, please click on the hyperlink provided at the beginning of this article.





LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to [Health and Safety Code, Section 1597.531](#) and [California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 102417\(m\)](#) all FCCHs are to maintain in force either liability insurance covering injury to children and guests in the amount of at least \$100,000 per occurrence and \$300,000 in the total annual aggregate, sustained on account of the negligence of the licensee or its employees, or a bond in the aggregate amount of \$300,000.

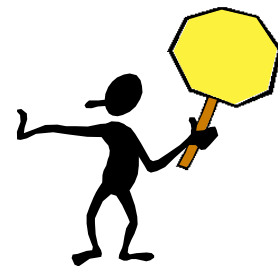


However, in lieu of the liability insurance or the bond, the FCCH may maintain a file of affidavits signed by each parent with a child in care in the home. The affidavit shall state that the parent has been informed that the FCCH does not carry liability insurance or a bond according to standards established by the state.

If the provider does not own the premises used as the FCCH, the affidavit shall also state that the parent has been informed that the liability insurance, if any, of the owner of the property or the homeowners' association, as appropriate, may not provide coverage for losses arising out of, or in connection with, the operation of the FCCH, except to the extent that the losses are caused by, or result from, an action or omission by the owner of the property or the homeowners' association, for which the owner of the property or the homeowners' association would

otherwise be liable under the law.

The [LIC 282, Affidavit Regarding Liability Insurance for Family Child Care Home](#), must be used for this purpose and will be reviewed by your Licensing Program Analyst at each licensing inspection.



NOTE: *Please be aware the affidavits offer no protection against being sued for liability for negligence, allegations of abuse, if a child is injured while in your care, etc. The affidavit merely informs parents that their child care provider is not insured. Lack of a bond or insurance does not affect the right of parents to bring legal action against you.*

For information related to residential insurance, review the [Consumers Overview](#) on the California Department of Insurance website. Child care provider associations and Resource and Referral Agencies may also be helpful to you in finding an Insurance company that offers child care liability insurance.





Learn about
additional water
safety at:
www.safekids.org

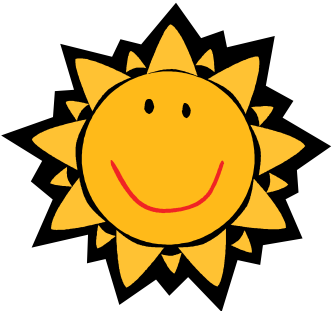
GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

TIPS TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE AROUND WATER

Summer is here and everyone wants to go swimming. Providers are reminded to use extreme caution when supervising children around bodies of water. Drowning is a major cause of death among children under five years of age in California. It can happen quickly and silently in as little as two inches of water, therefore; extra supervision is important when children are near any bodies of water.

To learn more about bodies of water, read the following sections of the California Code of Regulations, [Title 22, licensing requirements](#): For CCCs, Section 101216.6, Staffing for Water Activities, Section 101238(e), Buildings and Grounds, and Section 101238.5, Wading Pools. For FCCs, please review Section 102417(g)(5).

HELP KEEP CHILDREN SAFE



Ten ways providers can help keep children safe this summer.

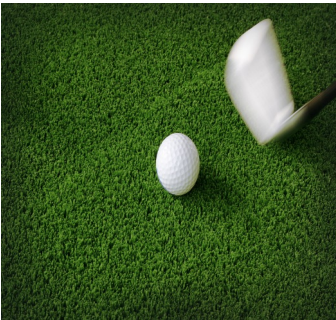
1. **Make sure** children know their full names, addresses, telephone numbers and how to use the telephone.
2. **Be sure** children know what to do in case of an emergency.
3. **Review** the rules they should follow while at the facility.
4. **Make sure** children know to stay away from pools, creeks or any body of water without adult supervision.
5. **Caution** children not to speak to strangers and to ask a trusting adult for assistance when approached.
6. **Make sure** there is adult supervision of children at all times.
7. **Caution** children to never approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless accompanied by a parent or other trusted adult.
8. **Make sure** children have a shaded area available during the hot summer days.
9. **Provide** healthy snacks and follow the nutritious beverage law to make sure children are hydrated on hot days.
10. **Check** fencing around bodies of water. Make sure general licensing requirements are followed.

Now it is time to go out and enjoy the warm weather.



ARTIFICIAL TURF

TEST ARTIFICIAL TURF AND GRASS FOR POTENTIAL LEAD EXPOSURE



The Center for Environmental Health (CEH) is operating under a grant administered by the Public Health Trust (PHT) to offer at no charge to child care facilities and schools, comprehensive testing of artificial turf for lead.

The three main objectives are to:

- 1) Pinpoint schools, child care facilities, and parks that have artificial turf, and screen samples for lead;
- 2) Advise school administrators and child care providers on ways to reduce children's exposure to lead; and
- 3) Coordinate the replacement of lead-tainted turf, if the installation meets replacement criteria.

The PHT made a short informational video for school administrators and child care providers. The video provides information on the appropriate actions that they can take to protect their children from lead exposure. The PHT has the following

resources available and can be viewed at www.keh.org/turf:

- The educational/informational video – in both English and Spanish.
- An interactive map of CA, allowing viewers to click-by-county to see which fields are safe, and which contain lead.
- Printable handouts (one targeted for teachers, parents, and child care providers; the other targeted for athletes, or direct users of fields). These are available in English, Spanish, and Chinese.

Interested facilities that have turf may enclose a sample of their turf in a zip-lock bag, and mail it to: Center for Environmental Health at 2201 Broadway, Suite 302, Oakland, CA 94612 Attention: Matt

For more information, contact Matt Nevins at turf@keh.org, (510) 655-3900, Extension 318, or visit the CEH website at: <http://www.keh.org/turf>.

PROTECT CHILDREN FROM LEAD POISONING



The new Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule requires contractors, painters, and maintenance professionals working in pre-1978 housing, with lead-based paint be certified. All of their employees must be trained to follow protective work practice standards. The rule applies to renovation, repair, or painting

activities affecting more than six square feet of lead-based paint in a room, or more than 20 square feet of lead-based paint on the exterior. For additional information visit [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](http://www.epa.gov).

HEALTHY SUMMER RECIPES

Sandwich Kebobs

- Cut Whole Wheat Bread into 1 1/2 inch squares
- Fold lunchmeat in half and cut into squares
- Cut your favorite 1% cheese into squares
- Slide grapes and tomatoes onto the skewer
- Slide torn pieces of romaine lettuce on to skewer

Alternate equal ingredient portions on the skewer.



Fruit Kebobs

A variety of fruit can be used for this recipe: Strawberries, blueberries, grapes, pineapples, banana slices, etc.

- Cut the fruit into square shapes
- Select a fruit and slide onto the skewer.

Alternate the type of fruit for variety.



EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT

Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) Incorrect Course Sticker

The EMSA course completion stickers are given to providers to show that they have completed the approved EMSA training program. Recently it has been brought to the EMSA's attention that course completion stickers are being placed on the American Heart Association's (AHA) course completion cards. The EMSA does not oversee the AHA's courses. Placement of EMSA course completion stickers on AHA course completion cards is inappropriate and not acceptable.

If you receive an AHA course completion card that contains an EMSA course completion sticker, please follow these procedures:

- Contact the instructor and inform them that you will need to be issued another card without the sticker. Send the original card with sticker back to the instructor; and
- Notify the EMSA of the occurrence so that they can alert the instructor that this is incorrect. You may notify EMSA by contacting:

AJ Davis,
(916) 322-4336, Ext. 474
Adam.Davis@emsa.ca.gov

To learn more about EMSA and AHA's health and safety training and other related issues:

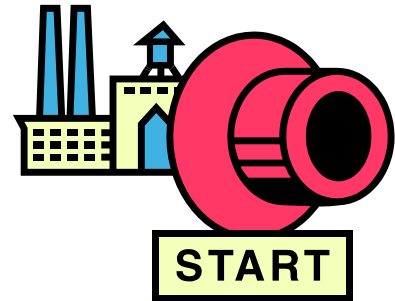
Visit EMSA at: www.emsa.ca.gov

Visit the AHA at: www.heart.org



CCC APPLICATION ONLINE ORIENTATION

This is just to let you know the [Child Care Center Application Online Orientation](#) is now live!



SUMMER ACTIVITY IDEAS

Sacramento Zoo History

Did you know the Sacramento Zoo opened its doors to the public circa 1927? At that time the zoo was home to a collection of 40 animals. Learn more about your capital city's local [Sacramento Zoo](#).

Visit: [USA Zoos in California](#) to learn about your local zoo. The website provides a link to the zoo you select and background information. Enjoy a summer field

trip and learn about your local zoo.

California's Summer of Fun

Visit [California find yourself here](#) and learn about things to do in California. Click on things to do to view: Arts and Culture, Beaches, Family Fun and Outdoor Recreation.

RECENT RECALLS

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission advises consumers to stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. In addition, it is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

It is the responsibility of the licensee to ensure the health and safety of all children in their care. Licensees are to follow manufacturer labels and adhere to all recall instructions provided by

the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Licensees may visit the [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) website and subscribe to receive recall alerts on consumer products.

Bumbo Seat Recall—Fall Hazard

The [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#), recently announced a voluntary recall of the Bumbo Baby Seats. Babies can maneuver out of or fall from the Bumbo seat, posing a risk of serious injuries.

Consumers should immediately stop using the product until they order and install a free repair kit, which includes: a restraint belt with a warning label, installation instructions, safe use instructions and a new warning sticker. The belt should always be used when a child is placed in the seat. Even with the belt, the seat should never be used on any raised surface. Consumers should also immediately stop using Bumbo seat covers that interfere with the installation and use of the

belt. A video demonstrating proper installation of the restraint belt and proper use of the Bumbo seat are available at www.BumboUSA.com.

Note: In October 2007, 1 million Bumbo seats were voluntarily [recalled](#) to provide additional warnings against use on raised surfaces.

To order a free repair kit visit www.recall.BumboUSA.com or call (866) 898-4999 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Thursday and between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. CT on Friday. Do not return the Bumbo seat to retailers as they will not be able to provide the repair kit.

Todson Recalls Bicycle Child Carrier Seats

Todson bicycle child carrier seats are being recalled because a child can place his or her fingers in the opening at the grab bar's hinge mechanism. When the consumer lifts the grab bar to remove the child from the seat, the child's fingertips can get caught in the hinge

mechanism, posing a laceration and fingertip amputation hazard to the child. Two reports of incidents including near amputations resulted in stitches and a crushed finger. Visit [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) for detailed information.

Ridley Biker Recalls Bicycle Handlebar Stems

The [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#). The bicycle handlebar stems can crack or break, posing a fall hazard. One report of a handlebar stem breaking resulted in minor injuries.

The stems were sold at specialty bicycle retailers and via websites from January 2005 through April 2010 for about \$59.

Consumers should immediately stop using their bicycles and contact the bicycle retailers where the stems were purchased to obtain a free replacement stem. Other bicycle shops can handle the replacement process by contacting the manufacturer's current distributor, Quality Bicycle Products, Inc.

LICENSED CHILD CARE STATISTICS

FACILITY TYPE	TOTAL LICENSED FACILITIES	TOTAL CAPACITY
Family Child Care Homes	37,420	366,545
Infant Center	1,974	44,772
Child Care Center	10,587	591,431
Child Care Center School-age	2,402	133,677
Child Care Center Mildly Ill Children	6	58
Totals	52,389	1,136,483

NOTE: This includes facilities licensed by the state and those counties which license FCCHs (Del Norte, Inyo, and Sacramento). County licensing statistics are through April 2012 per most recent report from Research and Development Division. State licensing statistics are through June 2012.

If you have questions about items included in this Update, or suggestions for future topics, please contact Paula d'Albenas, Acting Program Administrator, at (916) 651-6040. You may also visit our internet website at www.cclld.ca.gov to obtain copies of licensing Updates, office locations, provider letters, regulations, forms, the Licensing Evaluator Manual, or to learn more about licensing programs and services.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Kathi Mowers-Moore for

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